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Mackinac Bridge rolling out new format for MacPass

December 30, 2019 -- The MacPass toll card is being replaced with a windshield-mounted sticker for customer convenience, and for a limited time they are available for free.

The Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) has been slowly replacing current MacPass cards with the new stickers for the past few months and is now encouraging others to make the switch as well. Customers are encouraged to visit the MacPass website at <https://MacPass.MackinacBridge.org> to sign up for an account and receive stickers in the mail.

"Unlike the old MacPass cards that required drivers to roll down their window and hold the card near the reader device, the new system will automatically scan the windshield sticker when drivers pull up to the toll booths," said MBA Executive Secretary Kim Nowack. "Drivers still need to stop and wait for the gate to rise before proceeding, but the new process will speed transactions for frequent customers."

The stickers are part of a new tolling software system installed last fall. Anyone can open a MacPass account, which allows for online deposits and transaction information. MacPass stickers are currently free but will be \$1 each after July 1, 2020.

MacPass customers can use toll lanes designated for MacPass by the overhead signs, or any open lane. Drivers should still watch for toll collectors and customers walking across lanes.

Though the MacPass is not exclusively for commuter customers, MacPass holders with passenger vehicles can still qualify for the commuter discount toll if they make both a northbound and southbound trip within 36 hours. The toll will be \$4 for the first trip but customers will not be charged for the return trip if completed within 36 hours.

Current MacPass cards can still be used through the end of 2020. MacPass is the only tolling transponder currently in use at the Mackinac Bridge; I-Pass, E-ZPass, SunPass, etc., though similar, are not accepted.

Customers who already have a MacPass account can still use their cards through the end of 2020. Current MacPass account holders do not need to open a new account to get a sticker.

Passenger vehicle MacPass accounts require an initial deposit of \$80 and a \$7 one-time set-up fee. Commercial accounts require a \$200 deposit and \$7 one-time set-up fee.

More information on the MacPass is available on the MBA website at www.MackinacBridge.org/MacPass.

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